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# DOC NEWSLINE

## Department of Defense:

### DOC's ESGR Program Ranks Among the Best in the Nation

The National Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) has distinguished the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections – Corrections Services as one of 15 recipients of the 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The highest in a series of ESGR awards, it publicly recognizes employers, nominated by their employees who voluntarily serve in the National Guard and Reserve, for exceptional support above the requirements of the USERRA Law.

DCI Captain Keith Turner, who is a Sergeant First Class in the Army Reserve, nominated the Department for the award with the assistance of the Louisiana ESGR (state) committee. There were nearly 1500 nominations for the award, so the Department's efforts really impressed the National ESGR Committee.

"I appreciate the leadership that so many of you have shown in this area," said Secretary Richard Stalder. "Your work continues to exemplify the best in public service defined in its broadest terms."

Governor Kathleen Blanco offered her congratulations to Secretary Stalder and all Department employees for going above and beyond in support of the ESGR initiative. "The Department of Corrections has wholeheartedly embraced the concept and has done a tremendous job in its support of DOC employees who have been called up for active duty in the National Guard and Reserve. To be recognized in the first year of participation is nothing short of spectacular."

Plans are being made now for Secretary Stalder (and perhaps others) to travel to Washington, D.C. for a special ceremony honoring ESGR award recipients on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The Secretary will proudly accept the award on behalf of the Department in honor of each of the more than 115 DOC employees who have been called to military service since September 11, 2001. Our deepest appreciation goes out to all soldiers serving our country, especially to DOC employees and their families.

## Louisiana Legends Inducted into Justice Hall of Fame

The 1st Annual "Louisiana Justice Hall Of Fame" was celebrated July 16<sup>th</sup>, honoring the greatest members of law enforcement and the judiciary and related fields in Louisiana. The Justice Hall of Fame was the result of a nearly 3 year-long project created by the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation and its Board of Directors.

The project was directed by Michael Wynne, a member of the Board and a Supervisor with the Division of Probation and Parole, under the leadership of Museum President and Warden Sheryl Ranatza. Honorees for the Induction included a rare appearance by the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Pascal Calogero, Jr., a justice on the court for the past 33 years.

- See Louisiana Legends, page 7

- Information submitted by Mike Wynne, ALD



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## YOG Program Expands to Phelps

Plans are under way to expand the Youth Offender Grant Program to C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center, located in Dequincy, Louisiana. Within the next few months the program should be operational and will bring the total to ten (10) correctional facilities that have the program. The program is already operating at AVC, JLDCC, DCI, DWCC, EHCC, FWCC, LCIW, SHRC and WCI.

The Youth Offender Grant Program is a federal grant that has been awarded annually to the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections since 1998. The primary goal of the program is to assist and encourage incarcerated youthful offenders to acquire functional literacy and job skills through the pursuit of a postsecondary vocational certificate, an associate of arts degree or bachelor's degree during their incarceration. A secondary goal is to provide employment counseling and other related services to prepare youthful offenders for a career upon release. Criteria for participation in the program includes:

1. Offender must be 25 years of age or younger.
2. Offender must be eligible for release or parole within five (5) years.
3. Offender must have a high school diploma or a GED.

The Youth Offender Grant Program

has naturally merged into the Department's overall offender reentry initiative. We must work to ensure that offenders in our custody and control have access to programming which improves the likelihood that they will be successful upon return to the community, and remain there as productive, law-abiding citizens. During the fifth year reporting period for offenders tracked in the program, a total of 321 offenders were released after having participated in the program and only 21 had recidivated (6.5%). These early recidivism results are very encouraging and we look forward to the expansion of the program.

- Submitted by Whalen Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of Adult Services



Offenders enrolled in the Horticulture Youth Offender Grant Class at JLDCC were recently asked by the Alexandria Museum of Art to landscape the property. This is just an example of the kind of skills that offenders are developing as a result of participation in the Youth Offender Grant Program.

## LCIW Job Fair Offers

### Female Inmates Information and Options

The Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women hosted its sixth annual Job and Resource Fair on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005. More than 350 inmates, those enrolled in vocational classes as well as those general population inmates scheduled for release by February 2006, met with representatives from twenty-three (23) businesses and social service agencies. Exhibitors discussed various employment, educational, housing and self-help program opportunities available to inmates upon their release from incarceration.

The Job and Resource Fair was coordinated by the LCIW Education Department, and each of the vocational classes played an active role in preparing for the event. The Office Systems Technology class prepared computer generated banners with each agency's name that were hung from that agency's table at the fair. The Upholstery class made and hung larger banners in the gym welcoming the Job/Resource Fair exhibitors and highlighting the various vocational classes and job assignments at LCIW. The Horticulture class provided plants for the gym, and the Culinary Arts class served a delicious lunch to the exhibitors following the fair.

- Information submitted by Deputy Warden Loetia Young

## You are Invited ....

Please mark your calendars for a special event on Saturday, August 6, 2005 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Gates will open to the public for a **FREE concert** featuring the Grammy Award winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Singers and the Crabb Family. More information on this uplifting event can be found on [www.thepoweroffreedom.net](http://www.thepoweroffreedom.net).

## DOC Applauds New Graduates

### LCIW Horticulture Students Earn Licenses

Test results are back and 14 LCIW inmates are now licensed in their field by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. These inmates are students in the Horticulture class led by instructor Marcus Barnardez. Three of the inmates actually received two licenses each, bringing the total license count to 17. It should also be noted that everyone who took the respective tests passed, resulting in a 100% passing rate. Students received licenses in the following categories: Horticulturist, Landscape Contractor, Mosquito Control Applicator, Arborist and Right of Way Pesticide Applicator. Congratulations to all the students on their achievements.

- Information submitted by Deputy Warden Loetia Young, LCIW



#### The following inmates received licenses: (\* inmates receiving 2 licenses)

**Horticulturist:** Audrey Bell, Betty Broaden, Tanya Cittadino\*, Billie Cowart\*, Jody Gautreau, Diana Ragas

**Landscape Contractor:** Debra Breaud, Adriane Bushell, Tanya Cittadino, Billie Cowart, Marsha Manuel, Melissa Minga

**Mosquito Control Applicator:** Kelly Barnard, Gaye Hunter\*

**Right of Way Pesticide Applicator:** Gaye Hunter, Michelle Perkins

**Arborist:** Pamela McKean

### Hunt Inmates Earn GED's, EPA Certification

The Elayn Hunt Correctional Center Educational staff is proud to announce that in the first six months of 2005, **fifty-two** inmates have earned their GED certificates. Warden C. Hubert, his staff, and the entire Education Department commend the inmates who have successfully met the requirements to achieve their GED's. This accomplishment is the most important part of an inmate's rehabilitation.

Additionally, Louisiana Technical College, Folkes Campus along with Elayn Hunt Correctional Center would like to congratulate the students enrolled in Mr. Edward Porter's Air Conditioning & Refrigeration class who have successfully completed the ESCO Institute EPA Certification Test. All technicians must achieve a passing score in the CORE questions to be certified in any of the other three sections of the test. These candidates have been either certified as a UNIVERSAL Technician or a TYPE III Technician. The staff and faculty at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center offer our congratulations to these students as well.

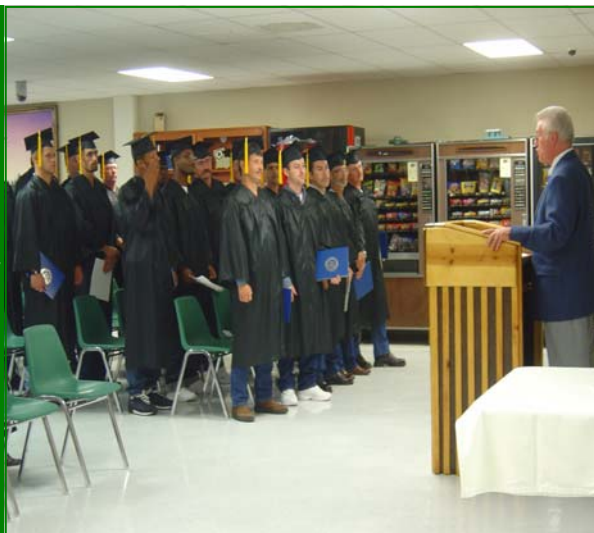
- Information submitted by EHCC Education Department Staff

### DWCC Holds Graduation Ceremony

The 61<sup>st</sup> graduation exercise was held at DWCC on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Fifteen students completed all requirements and received their high school diploma. Twenty students received their diploma in the technical areas of horticulture, automotive technology, carpentry, welding, and air conditioning/refrigeration.

As the graduates marched into the ceremony to "Pomp and Circumstance" in their caps and gowns, DWCC staff as well as family members of some of the students got to witness a very special day for the students.

- Information submitted by Angie Taylor, DWCC





## DOC Bids Fond Farewell to Two Longtime Employees

The end of the fiscal year was something to celebrate for DOC employee Julie Hurst. After 32 stellar years of service to the Department of Corrections (most at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center), Julie doesn't have to worry about trying to keep EHCC's budget in the black.

Julie's retirement party on June 30<sup>th</sup> was well attended by colleagues throughout the Department, as well as her current and many former bosses. She received a tremendous sendoff, a tribute to her stern work ethic and numerous positive attributes.

DOC Headquarters hosted a retirement party, but with a different VIP. Debbie Simmons actually had to come out of retirement for a few hours to attend her party, but the sendoff was hopefully worth it. Many of Debbie's family members were on hand for the occasion.

Deputy Asst. Secretary for Adult Services Mr. Larry Smith recounted Debbie's



Debbie Simmons chats with colleagues during a celebration in honor of her 30 dedicated years of service to the Department.

rise in rank over the years from clerk to investigative officer. He also praised her for her work with the local group 100 Black Men, joking that many members would not know or remember that Debbie was almost single-handedly responsible for writing the group's by-laws.

The Department would like to sincerely thank both Julie Hurst and Debbie Simmons for their distinguished service to the state of Louisiana.

## JLDCC Officers Earn Loss Prevention Certificates

The Office of Risk Management (ORM) awarded Loss Prevention Associate Award certificates to six officers at J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center during a luncheon on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. To earn this designation, officers must successfully complete 10 different loss prevention classes taught by ORM. Congratulations to the following officers on their achievement: Major John Smith, Captain Ronald Hardison, Captain Edward "Bud" Norton, Lieutenant Wayne Smith, Lieutenant Horace Lofton and Sergeant Brandy Bryant.

- Information submitted by Deputy Warden Sandy McCain

## Are You Affected?

### Make an Informed Decision on Medicare Divided Vote Referendum

All employees who are affected by the Medicare Divided Vote Referendum should have been notified about informational meetings scheduled for employees. If questions still linger, DOC employees can take advantage of **one last informational meeting** to be held at **DOC Headquarters in Baton Rouge on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** in Conference Room A.

If possible, employees should bring their annual statement from the Social Security Administration to assist them when discussing the matter with the SSA representative.

## P & P Spotlight

### P & P Supervision Week Gets Recognition

The Louisiana Department of Corrections joined in the national observation of Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week July 17<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

The Shreveport District office garnered mayoral proclamations from both Bossier City and Shreveport saluting the exceptional work of the state's 540 probation and parole officers and 320 support and administrative staff across Louisiana. SPD officers celebrated by having meals, snacks and desserts throughout the week. The proclamations were framed and are displayed in the district office.

The Southwest Daily News in

Sulphur featured an article on Supervision Week, interviewing Officer Denice Boudreaux. The article touched on a number of topics including officer training (P.O.S.T. certified), caseloads, a good definition of both probation and parole, risk assessment and an explanation of the Department's CORE program.

Said Denice, "Being a probation and parole officer is a unique mixture of social work and law enforcement. I like having a good impact on individual lives and community safety as well. I have had people thank me for putting them in

**SEE P & P Supervision Week, Page 6**

### SPD Officers Track Down Woman on U.S. Marshals Most Wanted List

For 19 months, Larvisa Morvette Cosby eluded Shreveport Police and eventually became only the 5th woman to land on the U.S. Marshals most wanted list. The U.S. Marshals Service in Shreveport turned to fugitive hunters Butch Shaver and Sharie Cone, who happen to be Shreveport Probation and Parole officers with a reputation for success. And they didn't disappoint.

Cosby was wanted for murder and her past criminal history proved that if she had a motive and a means, she could easily kill again. Second-degree murder charges stemming from a 1998 incident were dropped when witnesses refused to testify. She had multiple arrests and convictions for battery on a police officer, aggravated assault, resisting arrest, carrying concealed weapons and drug distribution.

Over several months, while working their normal caseloads, Shaver and Cone developed information placing Cosby in Dallas, Texas and were eventually able to obtain a specific address for her. The ink hadn't even dried on the papers elevating Cosby to "most wanted" status, when Shaver and Cone were on a plane to Dallas to conduct surveillance with the help of Sheriff's deputies. The next day, Saturday, July 9th, 2005, Larvisa Cosby was taken into custody – off the streets and awaiting final justice.

- Information submitted by Butch Shaver and Sharie Cone, SPD

(Top) SPD Officer David Bahn with Shreveport Mayor Keith Hightower's proclamation and (Bottom) SPD Supervisor Pam Morgan and Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker



### LCD Officers Help SWAT Team Arrest Parolee

After finding out that one of his parolees was wanted on two counts of attempted first-degree murder, LCD Officer Roland Dudley called for backup. Officers Cecil Ashford, Jason Nelson and John Welsh joined Dudley and members of the Lake Charles Police Department SWAT Team to converge on the suspect's home and he was arrested without incident. A formal letter from the LCPD commended the officers for their professionalism. "These agents have consistently shown their willingness to go out of their way to assist our department whenever needed."

- Information submitted by Arthur Sneed, Jr., LCD

## P &amp; P Spotlight Cont...

## NAD Officer Assists in Capture of Elusive Suspect

Probation and Parole officer Tonya James was one of the arresting officers in the hunt for an 18-year-old who had eluded Natchitoches Parish deputies for more than six months. A team of law enforcement officers finally caught up with the suspect, Vallery Frazier in June, after earlier attempts were foiled because he was either tipped off or fled into a wooded area near his residence.

At the time of arrest, Frazier was seen fleeing from the back yard into the woods but officers quickly set up a perimeter. After a brief search the suspect was found hiding in a ravine.

- Information obtained from the Natchitoches Times

## SPD's Whiddon Works on Project Safe Neighborhood

During the month of July, Shreveport Probation and Parole officers worked 268 hours of overtime rounding up probation and parole violators and making other arrests. The effort is part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) federal grant. To date, 31 arrests have been made. PSN has also resulted in several guns being recovered and taken off the streets. Darla Whiddon heads up the PSN Grant for SPD.

- Information submitted by David Bahn, SPD

## ALD Officers Help Solve Robbery Case

Mike Wynne of the Alexandria District got a call from the Ridgeland Police Department in July about a robbery case involving an 85-year-old victim. Ridgeland Police were able to determine the suspect's first name was Lacey, that she was from the Alexandria area and that she was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet.

Armed with that information, Wynne and officers Jerome Hopewell and Sandi Sandifer went to work. In just a few short hours, they determined an ID on the suspect. The officers obtained an arrest warrant by 9:00 the following morning and had the suspect in custody by noon.

Lt. John Neal of the Ridgeland Police Department commended the trio for their assistance. "It is comforting to know that if our agency ever needs assistance again, there are people in your office we can count on for help."

- Information submitted by Jeffery Gaspard, ALD

## P&P Supervision Week...

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jail, and some who have successfully reached their goals have thanked me as well."

BRD Officer Betty Bennett spoke to the St. Gabriel Homeowners Association and the St. Gabriel Neighborhood Watch on July 18<sup>th</sup> about P&P community involvement and the services P&P offered that the groups might be able to access. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Officer Bennett addressed a local Battered Women's organization and was enlisted to speak on a regular basis at the CCRT meetings for Battered Women.

P&P Division Director Genie Powers and BRD Officer Darryl Anderson were interviewed by WRKF's (Baton Rouge) Karen Henderson in recognition of Supervision Week. The 15-minute interview touched on a number of topics including the historical roots of supervision, officer caseloads and the increasingly violent environment officers face each day. Officer Anderson also spoke of the important role employers can play in overall community safety by providing offenders with jobs, which gives them a good chance of success.

- Information submitted by David Bahn, SPD and Barbara Shaw, WBRD



## Louisiana Legends...

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Other honorees included Attorney General Charles Foti Jr., retired Major General Ansel Stroud, Former Superintendent of State Police Francis Grevemberg, former Federal Chief Judge of the 5th Circuit, the late Henry Politz, and our Departmental Secretary Richard Stalder.

The day of honors started a public reception for the Honorees and their family and friends and the media at the LSP Museum, one of the two largest of its kind devoted to corrections in the United States. A permanent exhibit was created on each of the inductees and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held opening the exhibit to the public during the reception. Later that evening, a banquet honoring the award recipients was held at Hemingbough Plantation home in St. Francisville. With musical entertainment provided by the Jimmie Davis Band, the honorees enjoyed a gourmet meal and spoke movingly of their lives and their accomplishments. Additional honorees include Tonya Myles, a leader in the faith-based movement, victim's awareness pioneer, the late Sanford Krasnoff, and three generations of jurists, the Pickett family of Many.

Nominations are now being accepted for next year's honorees and can be mailed to: Award's Chairman, c/o The La. State Penitentiary Museum, General Delivery, Angola, La. 70712.

## JLDCC Gives CATS Kids K-9 Lessons

Captain James Paul and Sgt. Jody Floyd dropped by the Louisiana College CATS Summer Camp in July for a presentation on JLDCC's Chase Team and Narcotics K-9 Operations. These 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders got up close and personal with the K-9's and their handlers. The CATS program is an annual summer event for gifted students.



## 2005 Grants Workshop Highlights

The HQ Business Office Grants Staff is busy making final preparations for the 2005 Grants Workshop. The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, August 30 & Wednesday, August 31** at the Paragon Mari Center in Marksville, LA. Various aspects of grants administration, including procurement, human resources, reporting, compliance and grant web sites will be addressed. Persons benefiting from this workshop are Business Office, Human Resource and Grants Personnel. Warden Burl Cain will make a special appearance, as well as Mike Zagury of the Neptune, NJ Police Department. Representatives from Civil Service, LCLE and various offices throughout DOC will also make presentations. This workshop is presented by Headquarters as a service to the units. The expense of attending this workshop is minimal, with some costs being covered by current grants. For a full agenda and registration form, please contact Christy Ball at (225) 342-0355.

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## Fundraising News

- The West Baton Rouge District with the help of Baton Rouge District had a fundraiser garage sale on June 25th. Officer Kenneth McMillan graciously let us use his home for the sale. This garage sale was for the benefit of a special project that West Baton Rouge District has been involved in for several years with Port City Enterprises. Port City Enterprises is an organization that is made up entirely of people with mental and physical handicaps. We, in some small effort, try to enhance their lives with special parties for Easter, Valentine, Mardi Gras, Christmas, etc. This Garage Sale will enable us to continue this effort.  
This Garage Sale also was a fundraiser for a fellow Probation & Parole Officer who has fallen on some hard times. We at West Baton Rouge District hope that our contribution will lessen the burden our fellow officer is dealing with.  
Thanks to Baton Rouge District and West Baton Rouge District Staffs for donating items to the sale. Special thanks to Christy Crochet, Meredith McLendon, Sandra Olinde, Linda Laurent, Rachal Landry, Kenneth McMillan, Jay DeLoach, Charles Brouillette, Barbara Shaw and a special friend of West Baton Rouge Probation & Parole Jody Smith for unselfishly giving up their Saturday to make this a success. (Barbara Shaw, WBRD)
- The Northeast Area of the Louisiana Law Enforcement Torch Run which covers East & West Carroll, Ouachita, Morehouse, Tensas, Richland, Madison, Franklin, Caldwell and portions of LaSalle Parish, has an area wide fundraiser underway. A homemade quilt, complements of Troop F of the La. State Police will be raffled off. The drawing will be held on October 31, 2005. You do not have to be present to win. The tickets are \$1.00 each. Please contact Pearl Wise or Freda Hoston for more information at 318-362-3204.

## LSP's "Road to the Gold" Competition

Louisiana State Penitentiary will host a "Road to the Gold" Pistol Match on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Proceeds will go to the Louisiana Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Louisiana Special Olympics. It's one of three "Road to the Gold" competitions leading up to the grand finale, "Shoot for the Gold", to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Rapides Parish Firing Range.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$25.00

**PLACE** THE BRENT MILLER MEMORIAL PISTOL RANGE AT ANGOLA

**TIME:** SHOOTING WILL BEGIN AT 0900

**MATCH:** NRA 1500 MATCH

**FIREARMS :** REVOLVER— REFER TO NRA RULE 3.5  
4" DUTY REVOLVER, THIS IS A TOTALLY STOCK REVOLVER AS WOULD BE ISSUED TO A RECRUIT

SEMI- AUTO—REFER TO NRA RULE 3.7  
THIS IS A TOTALLY STOCK SEMI- AUTO PISTOL SUCH AS WOULD BE ISSUED TO A RECRUIT

**AMMUNITION:** HAND LOADED OR FACTORY LOADED .32 CALIBER OR LARGER

FINAL DECISION ON WEAPONS WILL BE MADE BY THE RANGE MASTER

For more information on registration and entry fee information, contact:

Major Richard Burton  
LSP Rifle Range  
Angola, LA 70712  
(225) 655-2613 Fax (225) 655-2612

- Information submitted by Major Richard Ducote, LSP

## DWCC to Host Employment Expo

David Wade Correctional Center is getting an early jump on plans for its October 19<sup>th</sup> Employment Expo. Employer contacts are being made, a tour of DWCC's Vo-Tech facility for employers is being planned and there's even TV and radio coverage in the works as well on the Department's CORE program.

- Information submitted by Warden Venetia Michael, DWCC

## DWCC's Sharpshooters

Col. Danny Mills, Major John Stephenson, Sgt. Roy Cole won the "Top Place Team" in Phelps's "Road to the Gold" pistol match on July 8, 2005. Sgt. Pam Gildon placed first in the Women's division and won "Top Gun Female" award. Also during July, Col. Danny Mills, Major John Stephenson, and Sgt. Pam Gildon traveled to the Rocky Mountain Nationals in New Mexico for three days. During these three days, the officers placed in several of the competitions including: Major Stephenson placing first in three of the sharpshooter events, Col. Mills and Major Stephenson placing first in the Two Man Revolver Team Sharpshooter Division, Col. Mills placing second in the Service Semi-Automatic Classifieds, and Sgt. Pam Gildon placing second in her Marksman Classified division.

Major John Stephenson, Sgt. Pam Gildon, Col. Danny Mills with trophies from Phelps's Road to the Gold and the Rocky Mountain Nationals held in New Mexico. (Information submitted by Angie Taylor, DWCC)



## We Remember

- WCI's Sgt. Master James Tyrone passed away July 10, 2005. He began his career with the Department in December of 1986 and was assigned to the "B" Team. Warden James Miller says Tyrone will be missed by everyone at the facility and remembered for his ready smile and caring attitude.

- Hayden Jess Dees, the first warden of Dixon Correctional Institute, died Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 83. Dees began his career in 1953 as a corrections officer at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, where he went on to become an associate warden. He worked at Angola for 20 years before being named Warden at DCI in 1975.

"I looked on Hayden as an accomplished prison man," said Ross Maggio, who served as Warden at Angola from 1976 to 1977 and from 1981 to 1984. "The State of Louisiana is indebted to him because of the service he rendered over the years."

A native of Wilmer, Dees was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II. (information from The Advocate)



## PCC's Automotive Shop Earns High Praise

During PCC's C-05-003 July audit, Educational Specialist Kim Barnette complimented the positive learning environment at the institution's automotive shop, led by Mr. Lewis Williams of the SOWELA Technical Community College Vocational Department. According to Barnette, "The automotive shop and classroom area at PCC is one of the most impressive in the state, inside or outside a prison compound. The organization and management of tools and FTC's by Mr. Williams is certainly considered to be best practice."

Mr. Williams has held the position of Automotive Technology instructor at PCC for 9 years. He credits the success of the program to the support and cooperation he receives from the staff at PCC. Among these are safety,

support services, and tool control. This cooperation has allowed him, and Mr. Jimmy Don Hall, SOWELA Department Head, to provide an environment where students focus on learning and safety. Mr. Williams works one on one with his students, and believes one of the most important lessons he teaches is the value of a good work ethic. His own work ethic allows his department to maintain accreditation with five agencies. According to Mr. Williams, audits, such as the one conducted by Ms. Barnette, enables the staff at Phelps to constantly identify ways to improve services. Because of Mr. Williams' dedication and devotion, he has established the PCC Automotive Technology Program as a certified Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) center, making PCC

a test site for ASE certification for inmates. This was an enormous undertaking and its success is synonymous with the dedication Mr. Williams exhibits to his job and students.

Warden Rogers expresses his appreciation to the SOWELA staff and administration stating, "We have always had and will continue to have an outstanding working relationship with SOWELA Community and Technical College. We at Phelps are proud of the accomplishments of Mr. Williams, our students, and the entire education staff at PCC."

- information submitted by: Dianna Fruge', Phelps Correctional Center

### 2005 GRANTS WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS Continued from page 7

#### Tuesday, August 30

Warden Burl Cain, LSP

Grants Staff

Review of Grants Purchasing  
(Sharon Hebert will be on site)

Grants Punch List

Whalen Gibbs, OAS

Reentry Initiative with a Focus on Work Release

Genie Powers and Katherine Spears, P&P

Benefit of Grants to Probation & Parole

Suzanne Sharp

Overview and History of DOC Grants  
Update on State Grants Office

Madeline McCaleb, EHCC

Importance of Job Placement

Mike Zagury, Neptune, NJ Police Dept.

Grants Administration and Collaboration

Michael Ellerbe, DCI

Employee Wellness

Grants Staff

Procedures Manual  
Application Process

#### Wednesday, August 31

Dr. Henry Sanders

Grant Web Sites

Kim Barnette

Update on Education Grants

Dwena Wyre, Dept. of Civil Service

Common Myths that Affect Good Supervision

Shannon Templet, Samantha Franks

Grants Human Resource Issues

Tanya LaPorte, LCLE

Post-Award Reporting and Compliance

Grants Staff

Review of Human Resource Forms

Reporting Requirements Procedures

Billy Breland

Update on VOITIS projects

Monica Cooper, Janice Harvey, YOG Staff

Toastmasters' Program

Grants Staff

Procedures Manual

Grant Cycle

Differences between Regular and Grant Activities

Introduction of Grant Sites on Lotus Notes

**-Information submitted by Christy Ball**

LCIW Chaplain Gary Sumrall with members of the Baton Rouge area chapter of Church Women United. For 30 years now, the group has held its annual "Christmas in July" event at which every female offender at LCIW gets a "health kit" or ditty bag, filled with a wide range of items such as hygiene products, socks and sewing kits.



## Coming in Under Budget



Warden Michael, Warden Goodwin and DWCC staff celebrate the "sweetness" marked by the end of the fiscal year. We hope to see the same smiles after the 2005-2006 FY Budget process!

## Summer Break Spells Cleanup for JLDCC Crew



JLDCC inmate crews are busy with school cleanup projects this summer. One crew, supervised by Master Sergeant Durvis Carmouche, did some major sprucing up to the Buckeye Elementary School playground in late June. The crew cut low hanging tree limbs, cut and piled the underbrush, removed the grass from the existing playground and raked the entire area. JLDCC crews will also begin washing Rapides Parish School Buses to get them ready for the new school year starting in August.

## Employee Awards

### WCI

Supervisor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:  
Mr. Gerald Lebo

Support Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:  
Mr. Damon Breland

Correctional Officer of the Month (June 2005):  
Sgt. Master Carol Jordan

### EHCC

Supervisor of the Month (June 2005):  
Captain Wanda Matthews

Officer of the Month (June 2005):  
Sergeant Carroll Morgan

Support Employee of the Month (June 2005):  
Jonathan Travis

### DCI

Officer of the Month (July 2005):  
Sgt. Master Faith Cuevas

Support Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:  
Shundale Hills

Supervisor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter,:  
Jackie Hughes

### DWCC

Correctional Officer of the Month (June 2005):  
Sgt. Joyce Diggs

Supervisor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2005:  
Capt. Reginald Jackson

Support Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:  
Betty Enis, LPN

### Headquarters

Supervisor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:  
Kaya Bridges

Support Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:  
Dedrea Gautier

## Honorable Mentions

- Prison Enterprises would like to thank Mr. Eugene "Tunk" Andries for his 9 years of service as a member of the Prison Enterprises Board. Andries, a retired restaurant owner from Boyce, was appointed in 1996 by Governor Mike Foster to serve on the Board as the Livestock Management representative. The Department would like to thank Mr. Andries for his dedicated state service during his tenure on the Board. (Ginger Williamson, PE)
- When the West Feliciana Fire Department called for help, LSP responded in a big way. Charles Stewart and Sid Davis with LSP's Fire Department were the first trained responders on the scene of an accident at the Bluffs on Thompson Creek. Construction crews were working on laying a foundation for a clubhouse. Two men were drilling a hole when the ground suddenly caved in. One man was able to climb out but the other was stuck in sand. Rescue crews spent several hours trying to shore up the walls of the pit. The man was pulled from the pit in relatively good shape. Stewart and Davis are both certified in advanced trench rescue and structure collapse.